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Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know, Sir, whether Government are aware that letting loose a large number of educated unemployed persons in the Presidency is dangerous to society and will cause unrest to Government?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"I am thankful to the Hon. Member for the information."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—"May I know whether the Government are prepared to consider the question?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"I do not think it is possible on account of our financial position."

Prisons and Prisoners

Political prisoners in jails as on 28th February 1934.

* 826 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number of political prisoners in each of the jails in this Presidency was on 1st January 1934;

(*b*) how many of them have yet to serve a period of more than three months; and

(*c*) how many of them have got remission of sentences and what such remission is due to?

A.—(*a*) The number of prisoners, convicted for offences connected with the Civil Disobedience Movement, in jails as on 28th February 1934 was 77. The Government have no information in regard to the number in each jail.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know, Sir, in view of the fact that the political atmosphere in the country has settled down and there is absolutely no Civil Disobedience Movement now, whether the Hon. the Law Member will consider the advisability of remitting the unexpired terms of imprisonment of these 77 prisoners?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The release of the Civil Disobedience Movement prisoners is being considered by the Government from time to time."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"Is there any such consideration now being made, Sir?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I am not in a position to give an answer to that question."